

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Review of the Emergency Alert System;)	EB Docket No. 04-296
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Independent Spanish Broadcasters Association,)	
the Office of Communication of the United Church)	
of Christ, Inc., and the Minority Media and)	
Telecommunications Council, Petition for)	
Immediate Relief;)	
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Randy Gehman Petition for Rulemaking)	
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**Replies by James Gorman to Comments Filed Regarding
Proposed Rule Making for the Emergency Alert System**

- I agree with the numerous comments favoring intermediary devices. Since the CAP V1.2 messages are to be converted to a SAME message (which are an input into existing EAS equipment) the intermediary devices are a more economical choice for many broadcaster than replacing the entire EAS unit only to add CAP functionality.
- The attention tone should remain in the alert signal. If the attention tone is removed, thousands of stations will not properly receive the spoken message.
- If the “Governor Must Carry” is approved as an originator code (which I am in favor of), EAS equipment in the field could be upgraded for this originator code. The addition and removal of originator and event codes within an installed base of equipment has proven successful in the past.
- The deadline for acquiring CAP equipment should be extended for at least a year to allow time for the people who are going to issue the alerts to be trained.
- It is my belief that it will take years of flawless operation of CAP before any consideration is given to abandoning “over-the-air” links for EAS.